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Intimations.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A INTERIM Dividend an account of
the year 1901-1902, at the rate of
Fifty Cents per Share (or Five per cent. on
the Capital of the Company) will be payable
at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banks
Hongkong, and on and after the 6th JANUARY
Next. Dividend Warrants will be posted
to Shareholders.

The Register of Shares and Transfer
BOOKS will be closed from SATURDAY,
25th December, until MONDAY, 6th January,
both days inclusive, during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. G. HECKFORD,
Manager.

Hongkong, December 24, 1901. 2517

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING of the above-named Company
will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No.
2, Allard Road, Victoria, in the Colony of
Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 10th day of
January, 1902, at 4 P.M., when the sub-
joined resolution which was passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting held on
the 18th December, 1901, will be submitted
for confirmation as a special resolution.
That the figures in Article No. 10,
Clause 15 of the Articles of Association of
the Company, be altered to read \$1,300
(Fifteen hundred dollars).*

By order of the Board of Directors.
R. P. MOFFITT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 24, 1901. 2640

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Share
Certificate No. 261, for One Hundred
Shares in WATKINS, Ltd., Nos. 1701/1893,
and standing in the books of the Company
in the name of Miss KATE L. GUNNELL,
has been LOST, and that unless the said
Certificate is produced at the Office of the
Company at No. 69, QUEEN'S ROAD,
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NOTICE.

DURING REPAIRS to one of the
WELLS, a full Supply of Water to
the KOWLOON PENINSULA cannot be
Maintained. WATER will, however, be
TURNED ON from about 6 A.M. till
Noon.

It is anticipated that the Repairs will be
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W. CHATHAM,
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Hongkong December 13, 1901. 2541

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Hongkong, August 1, 1901.

N. INUZUKA, Manager.

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(lower voice) "people will begin to think that you have some reason for keeping in the background. You know what gossips there are in the world--always eager to scent a mystery."

I was not looking at Mrs. Macintosh, but I could tell by her sudden movement that she had half risen from her chair. There was silence for a few moments, silence which I could not help feeling was pregnant for her. Then she spoke in a voice which she strove vain to render natural.

"Very well," she said, "rather than cause disappointment, I will join in this entertainment."

"Thank you a hundred times!" cried Hilliard effusively, springing up. "That is very good of you. I know I can depend on your promise. Now I must go and attend to the details, and settle with the other performers."

"Stop!" she said, as he was hurrying away. "You have not yet paid me what part I am to play."

"Oh, I thought I had explained," he answered hastily. "It's a kind of trial, you know."

"A trial!" cried Mrs. Macintosh. "Oh, that is horrible! No, I cannot!"

"But I have your *promise*!" he said maliciously, "and I really can't let you off now."

He moved away without giving her time to answer. A moment or two later, when I had satisfied Lady Hendry's curiosity about the birds, I had to pass Mrs. Macintosh on the way back to my office. I had spoken few words to her since she had been in the house, save the formal ones of greeting when she arrived; and now, as I bowed to her, she looked up into my face. My heart leaped as our eyes swam together, for as plainly as if she spoke, I could read her thoughts. "I am a woman, alone and in despair," her glance said, "I want the help of a man—a true man." I stopped before her, thrilled, hesitating; my lips parted to speak; but the violet eyes were lowered again to her book. I hurried away, wondering deeply.

For the rest of this day I was occupied,

and it was late in the afternoon when I learned that the entertainment Dr. Hilliard was preparing was a mock trial,

founded on a case still fresh in everybody's memory: the trial of the beautiful Lady Mortimer, at Exeter, for the murder of her elderly husband by pushing him over the high cliffs at Sidmouth,

an affair which had excited the keenest interest, and divided the public into two camps: some declaring that the prisoner had escaped only owing to his

favourite summing up of a jaded

notoriously weak and tenor-heated

whenver a woman was concerned,

others maintaining that she was of

spotless innocence and that even to

suspect her was a scandal. I felt fierce

towards the Irishman when I saw how

he had inveigled Mrs. Macintosh into

playing the part of the accused in the

mock trial, for I was sure that it must

be distasteful to her, or to any other woman, to sustain such a rôle; and if I could have stopped the performance, I would willingly have done so. But Hilliard had shown extraordinary energy indrilling his company—a judge and three or four barristers who happened to be in the house, had undertaken to supply the legal element, and the matter had gone so far that I sincerely liked to interfere.

The play began in the large drawing-room soon after dinner. Hilliard had worked like a horse in coaching his witnesses, and he appeared wonderfully familiar with the details of the real trial. The opening speech of the prosecuting counsel was delivered with great eloquence; the examination and cross-examination of the witnesses was conducted with as much earnestness as if it had been a case at the assizes; and the audience listened with an almost painful interest. Other names were chosen instead of those belonging to the principals in the genuine case, but the facts were the same. They showed that Lady Mortimer had been the wife of a man, elderly and irritable, at the time he married the beautiful penniless girl, and who, after marriage, developed a furious jealousy, which almost amounted to mania. It was admitted that he made his wife's life miserable with his ceaseless fits of passion. One day they had gone for a walk together along the high cliffs near Sidmouth, where they were staying for Sir Henry Mortimer's health. In a couple of hours, Lady Mortimer returned alone, saying that her husband had slipped over the edge of the precipice and fallen to the beach below. She was pale and excited, and begged that help might at once be given. The village policeman started for the scene of the accident, with two or three fishermen, and Sir Henry was found on the sands with a broken neck. An examination of the spot from which he had fallen, showed that the edge of the precipice had crumbled away.

At first no one thought of bringing an accusation against the young widow, but, as the highest, a man turned up who was a cousin of the late husband, and his only relative. The counsel he employed took a strong line against Lady Mortimer; servants who had heard quarrels between the husband and wife came forward; a dismissed maid of Lady Mortimer's swore that her mistress had once said she wished Sir Henry were dead; while the widow herself had to admit in the box that she lived extremely unhappily with her husband, and had once actually said, in a moment of anger, the words which the maid had attributed to her. The coroner took a serious view of the case, and Lady Mortimer was arrested.

During the progress of this mock trial, my eyes and those of many others were rarely absent from the face of

the prisoner in the dock, realistically arranged by Dr. Hilliard. She sat quite still, and apparently indifferent.

Even her wonderful eyes appeared listless and apathetic. Her level brows were slightly raised, and once or twice she glared with lifeless indifference round the crowded room, as a *blase* woman of the world surveys the pit of a theatre from her box. So protracted were the proceedings, that at eleven o'clock they had to adjourn to the following night, and the party broke up, many crowding round Mrs. Macintosh to congratulate her on the way she had played her part.

I disliked the entertainment exceedingly, and, irritated and vaguely excited, I did not feel inclined to sleep. When my guests had all gone to bed, I wandered out into the garden. The night was beautiful—crisp with frost, silent and starry. There was no one in sight, not a light was visible in any window, save in one room on the first floor, which I knew to be the private sitting-room occupied by Dr. Hilliard. He sat up late, and keeping whiskey in his room, often entertained some of the men after the rest of the house had gone to bed.

The stable clock struck one, and soothed by the beauty of the night, I walked on, passed through the gate that led from the garden to the park, and took the path to the river. I could hear its music as it swept rapidly along, black and fierce under the high banks.

The path presently came to the river, which it followed, winding with the course of the stream. Rounding a corner, I suddenly came in sight of the rustic bridge which spanned the stream in its broadest and deepest part. To my astonishment, I saw a tall, dark figure before me. As I looked, it moved quickly on to the bridge, swayed and threw its arms in a gesture of supplication to Heaven. In the fraction of a second, I realised what it was, and sprang forward. Before she had time to leap, I was at her side, and had caught her round the waist.

Her body thrashed under my hands, and we stood silently looking into each other's eyes. Still in silence I led her back to the path.

"If only you had been a moment later!" she cried.

"Thank God I was not!" I answered.

"You have kept me from death now;

but you can't keep me from madness,

which will be the consequence of one more night such as this."

"I wish I could help you!" I exclaimed.

"Oh if you could—if anyone could!" she murmured.

"Then let me try. Let us walk here away from that black river. I would give my right arm to help you!"

She walked by my side, across the green park, she and I alone under the starlight, and a strange thrill of plea-

sure ran through me to think that she should let me champion her.

"I don't know how I have lived through this evening," she began. "Sir Trafford, my name is Isabel Mortimer."

The shock of surprise held me silent for a second, and before I could speak she went on, her words unsteamed like a mountain torrent, pouring out her story. She declared herself innocent of her husband's death (I only needed to look into her eyes to believe that), saying that she would have saved him if she could, but that the bank clerk, and he was gone before she could stretch out a hand. She felt that the trial had left a stain on her life, and she wished to disappear from the world which had known her, and live somewhere in country peacefulness. This she might have been able to do had it not been for the very man who had first raised suspicion against her—James Fox, her husband's cousin, and only relative, to whom all Sir Henry's money would have gone had he died a bachelor. This man was an actor, so clever that he could change himself in a play (even his voice) so that his best friends wouldn't recognise him. He could not bear to lose the money, and he had conceived the idea of forcing Lady Mortimer to marry him. He had her watched, and followed her everywhere, pretending that he had letters from her husband stating that he stood in fear of his life from her, and that she meant to poison him. She knew that these letters were forgeries, but she could not endure the shame of any reopening of the case, which was what her persecutor threatened unless she married him.

"Can you not guess now who is the man calling himself Dr. Hilliard?"

"The coward!" I ejaculated.

Then she told me that so clever was his present disguise, even she did not know him at first, as she had only seen him previously with a heavy red beard, and a fair, florid skin, his own sandy hair, and no spectacles; but when he had inveigled her into the play, and when she realised what it was about, she saw that it was another stroke of her relentless enemy, and she had wished to end her misery in death.

For an hour we walked in the remote parts of the park, and before I led her back to the house again, I knew that for the first time in my life I was passionately in love. The light still burned in "Dr. Hilliard's" room, and I resolved to act at once. Leaving Lady Mortimer in the drawing room, I ran upstairs and tapped lightly at his door. Though I could see he was surprised, he was ready at once with his artificial smile, and his effusive manners of good-fellowship; but when I locked the door behind me, and took out the key, the smile became a stony grin.

"Mr. James Fox," I said quietly, "this game of yours has gone far enough—too

far. You are an imposter, and a black-mailer, working on the fears of a defenceless woman!"

"What do you mean?" he sputtered, forgetting in his excitement the Irish brogue; "how dare you—"

For answer I stepped quickly forward, and before he guessed my intention, whisked off the curling white wig and the chin beard, leaving him a bare-faced, sandy-haired man of forty. "Now," I said, "we speak on even terms. I shall not allow you to stop in this house another hour. I have called a groom, and he is getting ready a dog-cart to drive you to Dingley to catch the early mail to London. Before you go, you will hand over to me the forged letters with which you have been threatening Lady Mortimer." An evil glare came in the fellow's eyes. "You'd better look sharp," I cried. "I am a stronger man than you, and I'll take them by force if you don't surrender them."

The fellow was at heart a coward, and with an oath he snatched a package from his pocket and flung it on the floor. Picking it up and transferring it to my own coat, I told him to pack his things at once, standing over him while he did so; and exactly twenty minutes later, I conducted him downstairs, through the silent house, put him in charge of the groom, and he was driven off into the darkness. Then I went back to the drawing-room. Never shall I forget the light in a pair of glorious violet eyes, when I told "Mrs. Macintosh" what I had done, and gave her the letters to destroy. "You are the only real man I ever knew!" she said brokenly.

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Next day, in answer to many inquiries, I stated that Dr. Hilliard had been unexpectedly called away on business, and when evening came, and some of the people were eager for the continuation of the trial, I stood up, saying that much to my regret I would suggest that the affair be allowed to drop. I added that I thought last night it had somewhat overstepped the bounds indicated by good taste, and that Mrs. Macintosh had been unpleasantly affected by her part in the entertainment. Notwithstanding, I went on, she had been inclined to continue; but I had asserted my authority—not as landlord, but as her affianced husband—to forbid it. And I hoped that, in the circumstances, not only might I be forgiven but congratulated as well. Then I looked at "Mrs. Macintosh" (whom no man would ever know more as "Lady Mortimer") and she smiled up at me—no longer a sad smile; and somebody started the song, "For he's a jolly good fellow!"

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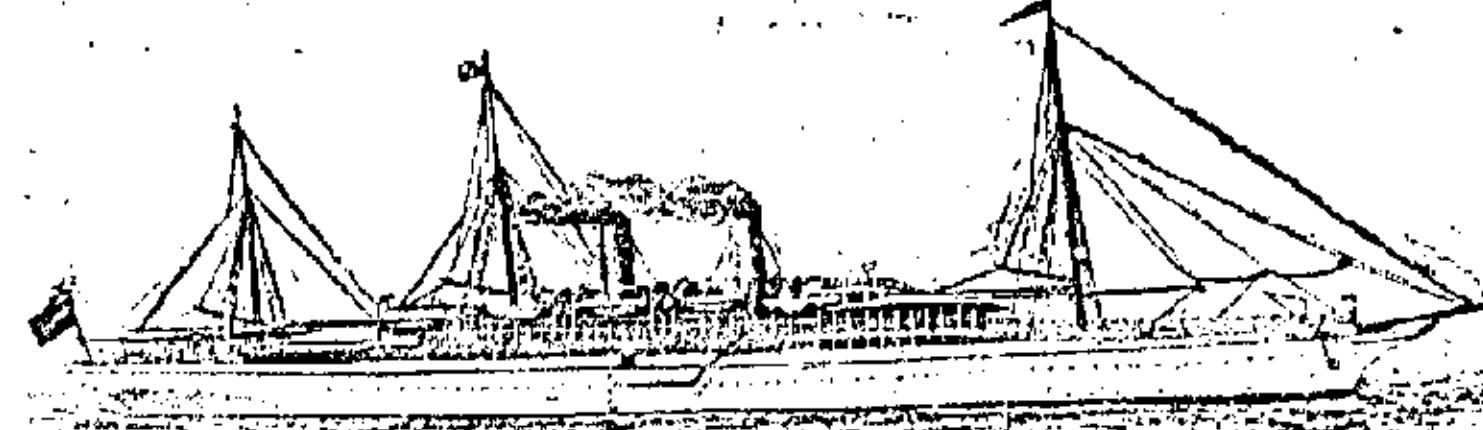
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Per <i>Prinz Heinrich</i> , from Hongkong for Shanghai, Mrs J. A. Sanchez, Mrs B. Cantu, Messrs W. T. Pudding, Smith, C. Moore, A. R. Agassiz, C. Blake, T. d'Agostini, N. Jérôme, and Man Fuk - for Nagasaki, Mrs Sakai, Misses T. Nishimura, Kenita, Kitano, Cawee, F. Towle, Ahian, Vanise, Otsuka, As. Joulinosky, and Mrs Ohi.						
SHIPPING REPORTS.						
The British steamer <i>Audubon</i> reports : Experienced light winds, smooth sea and fine weather as far as Manila ; from there strong N.E. winds and rough beam sea.						
POST OFFICE NOTICES.						
MAILS will Close :						
For CANTON.— Per <i>Hokan</i> , at 7.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 1st January.						
Per <i>Swatow, Amoy & Foochow</i> , Per <i>Zachow</i> , at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 1st January.						
For KUMCHUR & SAMSHU.— Per <i>Tungshui</i> , at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, the 1st January.						
For SHANGHAI.— Per <i>Leyden</i> , at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 2nd January.						
Wine of Tod Liver Oil and other counter admiral- ity articles, a delicious arte- fact, not equalled in their value or taste by any other articles, and of great value to the collector. — For THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNS, VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.— Per <i>Eumenio Mara</i> , at 9 a.m., on Thurs- day, the 2nd January.						
For MANDARIN.— Per <i>Zebow</i> , at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 3rd January.						

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported today.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing from Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *b*, near the Kowloon shore *c*, and those in the body of the shipping or midway between each shore are marked *a*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

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